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Black and Latinx Student Union holds rally in response to Parkland shooting

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On Feb. 14, 2018, 19-year-old Nikolas Cruz opened fire on the students and faculty of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, FL, killing 17 people and injuring 15. The shooting lasted less than five minutes, and Cruz fled the scene on foot, mixing in with the crowds of students, faculty, and staff pouring out of the school. He was apprehended when a police officer spotted him walking several miles from the site of the shooting.

Cruz used a legally bought AR-15 assault-weapon; the fact that he was able to acquire such a high-powered weapon, despite a tip made to the Federal Bureau of Investigation that he could be a risk, has thrust gun-control back into the national political dialogue.

While school shootings have become relatively common in the United States, the response and aftermath of Parkland is notably different. Many of the survivors, like David Hogg and Emma González, have become student activists and are now part of a large group calling on politicians for increased gun control regulation. Protests and marches are being organized all around the country in support for ending gun violence.

Issues like arming teachers, the legality of bump stocks, and the effects of mental health care are all being heavily debated. Furthermore, the Florida State Senate and House have been considering several bills aimed both at bolstering school safety and restricting gun ownership.

The issues of gun violence and school safety have reverberated on Hamilton's campus. On Monday, Feb. 19, the Black and Latinx Student Union (BLSU), with the encouragement and support of many other student organizations, urged all students and faculty to wear black in support of the survivors of the massacre in Parkland.

At the Student Assembly meeting that night, class representative Diana Perez '21 spoke about how the shooting personally affected her. Her emotional speech drew sympathetic reactions from other Assembly members and those watching on the livestream.

Perez lives ten minutes from Stoneman Douglas High School; one of her close friends lost loved ones in the shooting. Furthermore, she urged people to attend the BLSU-organized rally against gun violence on Friday, Feb. 23.

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The rally, organized by the Black and Latinx Student Union, gave community members the chance to share their reactions to the violence.

Nearly 100 members of the student body, faculty, and staff attended BLSU's rally against gun violence, coming together to share their reactions through stories, poetry, and spoken word performances.

The event opened with Savannah Kelly '21 reading the names of the seventeen people who were killed, followed by a moment of silence, before people were encouraged to speak out.

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Hamilton's Monk Rowe to receive Syracuse Area Music Educator of the Year award

by Amanda Kim '21
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Monk Rowe, the Joe Williams Director of the Fillius Jazz Archive and Lecturer in Music, has been named the Syracuse Area Music Educator of the Year for 2018. This prestigious award is given by the Syracuse Area Music Awards, also known as the SAMMY Awards. The awards show will take place on the Mar. 1 and 2, with Rowe receiving his decoration on the latter day at the Palace Theatre in Syracuse.

The SAMMYs are organized by the Syracuse Area Music Awards Executive Committee, a not-for-profit organization designed to support the music community in the Syracuse area. While committee members meet regularly, the SAMMYs are considered their most important annual event.

This year's ceremony marks the 25th anniversary of the SAMMY awards. Along with the Music Educator Award that Rowe is receiving, awards for Best Singer, Best Pop, Best Jazz, and other categories are also given. Rowe's Music Educator Award falls under the category "Hall of Fame," marking him as one of only six total inductees.

Rowe has been performing music since joining the Monroe County Jazz Ensemble under Chuck Mangione in 1968. He has served as a music instructor since 1974 and joined the Hamilton College faculty in 1992 as an Adjunct Instructor, specializing in Saxophone. After three years, Rowe was appointed Director of the Fillius Jazz Archive, a position he retains.

The Archive holds around 330 videotaped interviews with jazz arrangers, musicians, writers, and critics, with the majority of interviews conducted by Rowe himself. Through Hamilton's Couper Press, Rowe has published a compilation of the stories from the Archive entitled "Jazz Tales From Jazz Legends," serving as co-author alongside Romy Britell.In addition, Rowe continues to teach classes, specifically in the subfields of applied music and jazz. He also served as the creator and instructor of six-week-long Massive Open Online Course (MOOC), also known as an eDx online course, for Hamilton College entitled "Jazz: The Music, the Stories, the Players." Rowe established this course in collaboration with members of the Library and Informationalw Technology Services in 2015. The course had 9,200 individuals enrolled from 134 countries on its inaugural presentation.

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Monk Rowe, pictured above, will receive his award on March 2 at the Palace Theatre in Syracuse.

Despite his distinction in his field, Rowe told Hamilton's news website that the award came as "a welcome surprise," adding that "integrating the arts into education is a challenge I continue to develop and enjoy."

Community members speak out against gun violence at Parkland shooting rally

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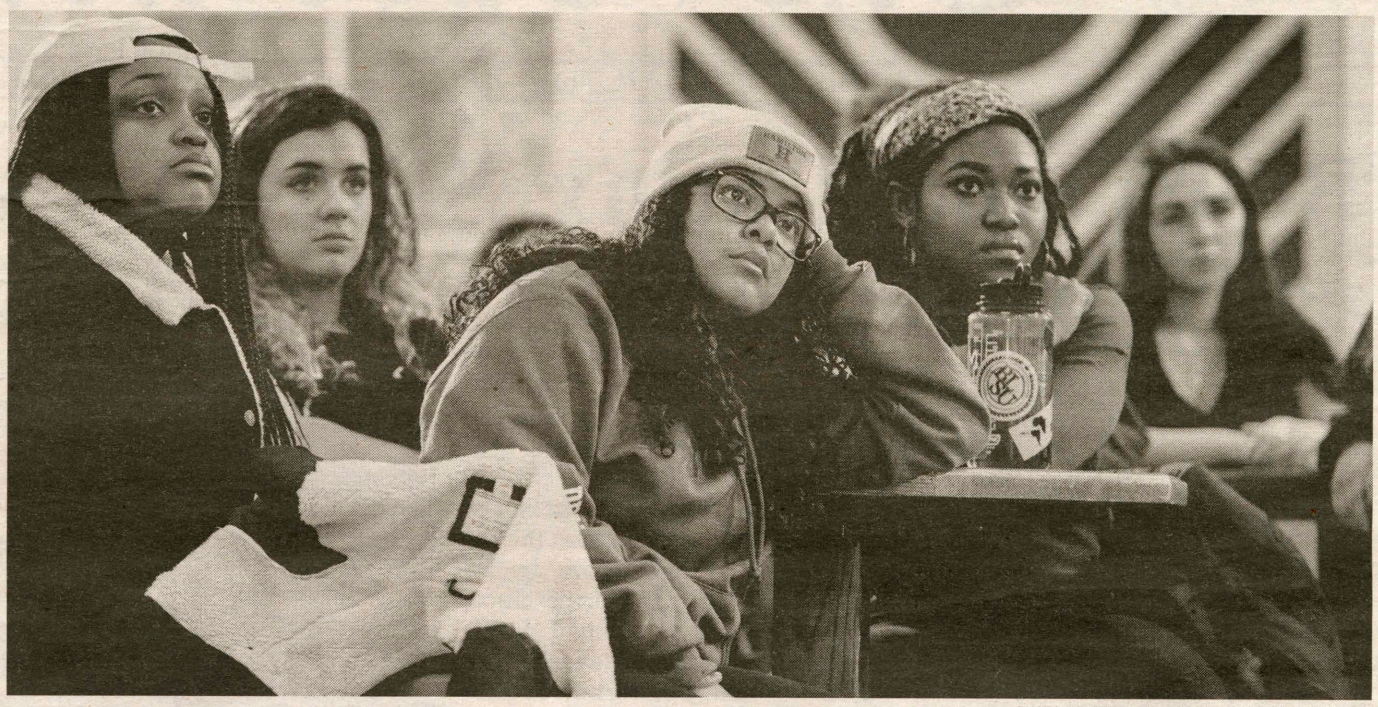

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Nearly 100 students, faculty, and staff came together to both share and hear thoughts and feelings surrounding the issue of gun violence.

Students, faculty, and staff alike took to the stage in the Filius Events Barn to talk about their reactions to the Parkland shooting, sharing their stories and feelings with their colleagues and peers. Many expressed sadness and frustration in response to the violence and recalled similarly tragic events.

Individuals reflected on previous school shootings like the ones that took place at Columbine High School in 1999 and Virginia Tech University in 2007, talked about personal stories of shooting incidents and easy gun accessibility in their homes and neighborhoods, and overall grieved together. There was anger, sadness, confusion, but ultimately, a common theme that permeated the rally was that of hope and inspiration.

The sense of unity between students at Hamilton, and to those at Parkland, can be seen through numerous campus movements. From the signed banner and a letter-writing project organized by BLSU, where students can write letters to the Parkland community in the bookstore, to the planned event by Student Assembly to call representatives, there are still numerous ways for Hamilton students to be involved in the issues of ending gun violence.

As the country continues to examine its' relationship with guns and mass shootings, student activism, both at Hamilton and around the country, looks to be a driving voice in the ongoing debate.

Off-campus round-up: "white lies", potential gun control legislation, and Chinese leadership

by Benjamin Katz '20
News Editor

In an effort to connect with current events off the Hill — locally, domestically, and abroad — The Spectator *will periodically publish a new recap that seeks to inform the Hamilton community on the basics of contemporary issues.*

Parkland, Florida

On Feb. 28, students and staff members from Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida returned to their school complex for the first time since the Feb. 14 mass shooting on that killed fourteen students and three staff members. The lone gunman, 19-year old Nikolas Cruz, who was a former student at the school, inflicted the carnage with a legally-bought AR-15 semiautomatic assault rifle. As part of the political and national response to the shooting, Dick's Sporting Goods announced this week that it was ending the sale of assault-style weapons and limiting the selling of firearms to those over the age of 21.

Bratislava, Slovakia

In Slovakia, Jan Kuciack, a leading journalist focusing on government corruption, was murdered along with his fiance at his home on Feb. 26. The first slaying of a journalist in Slovakian history has reverberated across Europe, where the assassination of prominent Maltese journalist Daphne Caruana via a car-bomb in October has given the impression that freedom of the press is weakening across the continent. Recognizing this, the Slovakian Prime Minister has offered a $1.2 million reward for information leading to the arrest of Mr. Kuciack's killers.

Montreat, North Carolina

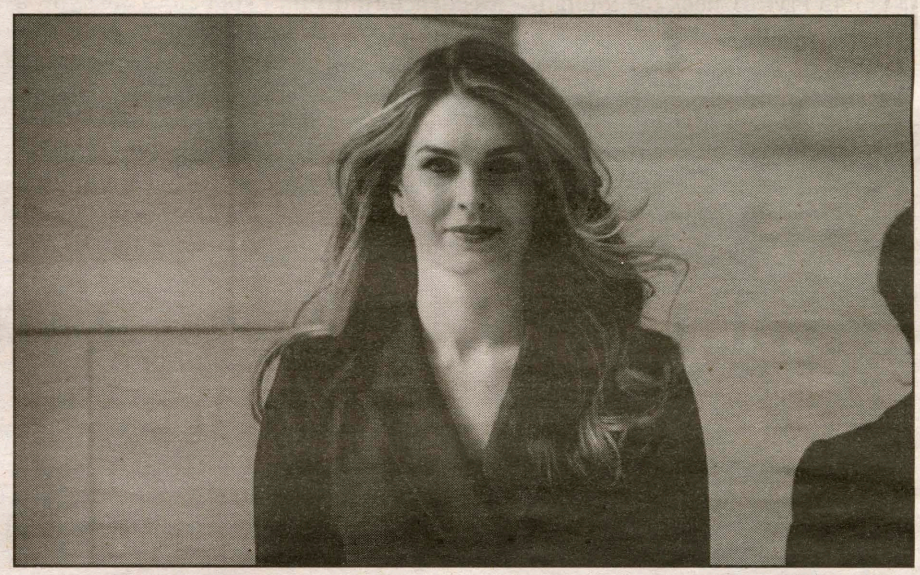
Reverend Billy Graham, an American evangelist and ordained Southern Baptist minister, passed away at the age of 99 on Feb. 21. Every President from Harry Truman to Barack Obama consulted with Rev. Graham, as he became the leading figure for American evangelical Christians. While Rev. Graham was a staunch supporter of racial integration and rights for African-Americans, his career was not without controversy, as his remarks on women, LGBTQ rights, and the influence of Jews made him a controversial figure.

Afrin, Syria

A massive Turkish assault on Kurdish positions in Afrin, Syria has led Kurdish forces to pull thousands of soldiers from the fight against the so-called Islamic State (ISIS) to focus on repelling Turkish advances. Turkey considers the Kurdish forces, referred to as People's Protection Units (YPG), to be a terrorist group, despite them being key partners with the United States in combatting ISIS. While the Turkish see the YPG as connected to the Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK), which has fought for an independent Kurdish state within Turkish territory since 1984. The YPG deny such connections.

Washington, D.C.

Jared Kushner, the son-in-law of President Donald Trump, recently had his top secret security clearance pulled. This will severely hamper his role as a Senior Advisor who supposedly has an extensive international and foreign policy related portfolio. Kushner had previously gone on trips to Israel and Saudi Arabia and was playing a key role in the development of White House policy regarding the Middle East peace process. Chief of Staff John Kelly pulled the top secret security clearance after evidence indicated that foreign leaders and officials were conspiring to influence Mr. Kushner due to his extensive real estate and investment holdings abroad.



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White House Communications Director and Trump aide Hope Hicks arrives to meet with the House Intelligence Committee.

Hope Hicks, the White House Director of Communications, admitted to House investigators this week that President Trump had occasionally required her to tell "white lies." As of Feb. 28, it has been reported that she soon plans to step down from her position as White House Communications Director.

Beijing, People's Republic of China

Despite it being customary for Chinese leaders to step aside after two 5-year terms — a process in place since the rule of Mao Zedong in the 1970s — President Xi Jinping of the People's Republic of China (PRC) has made it clear he intends to pursue a third term in office. The Chinese Communist Party announced this week that it would eliminate presidential term limits, which paves the way for indefinite rule by President Xi. This unprecedented move directly contrasts with the PRC's economic and social liberalization, which had created a socialist state with market characteristics.

Tallahassee, Florida

The Florida State Senate and House Budget Committees signed off on legislation this week that would raise the minimum age to purchase a firearm from eighteen to twenty-one. Furthermore, the bill created a mandatory three-day waiting period for gun purchases and boosted funding for school safety measures.

College hosts TEDx event on "Rethinking Today, Reinventing Tomorrow"

by Isabel Kierstead '21
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On Saturday, Feb. 24, Hamilton College hosted its TEDx event. The topic this year was "Rethinking Today, Reinventing Tomorrow," and was organized by the Hamilton TEDx board, comprised of about 11 students. These students worked alongside Physical Plant, the Theater Department, the Audio-Visual Department, the Oral Communications Center and Amy Gaffney, and their faculty advisor, Katheryn Doran.

"We plan a TEDx talk event every February," said Hamilton TEDx co-President Sofia Maeztu '20. Three speakers, Laura Engelhardt, Vasant Dhar, and Juvencio Maeztu, addressed the significance of challenging norms, sharing both personal anecdotes and research.

The first speaker of the event was Vasant Dhar, a current professor at the Stern School of Business and the Center for Data Science at New York University. After founding SCT Capital Management, a hedge fund that makes use of artificial intelligence to predict the stock market, he was inspired to discuss the question of "When Should We Trust Machines?" and increasing trust in a world of rapidly growing technology. He established two elements for trusting a machine, the worst-case possible and the predictability of a problem.

"At some critical level of cost, we begin to lose trust. This model also explains why we might trust a machine with making investment decisions but not with driving us around," said Dhar, pointing out that the investment machine is much less accurate than driverless cars.

The second speaker, Laura Engelhardt '95, is a Hamilton alumnus and founder of Neutrality Now, a provider of arbitration in New York City. Previously, she was a Compliance Officer at Goldman Sachs and an attorney Skadden Arps and Pillsbury Winthrop. Her talk, "Stop Preaching to the Choir and Become the Devil's Advocate," centered on a conversation regarding abortion that she had with her first year suitemate. Her suitemate displayed hypocritical views regarding abortion, stating he supported it for younger adults, but not for older adults. This, she said, led her to realize the importance of playing the devil's advocate in a discussion, as people fear judgement yet are so quick to judge. Engelhardt focused on how challenging ideas generates memorable conversations.

The final speaker was Juvencio Maeztu, current Chief Financial Officer and deputy Chief Executive Officer of IKEA Group. His talk, "Purpose in Business – the Era of Inclusive Leadership," centered on leading with others, drawing on IKEA founder Ingvar Kamprad, as an example.

"It was the way [Kamprad] led the company successfully by putting people at the center of the business," Maeztu said; doing so created "a supportive environment for workers and the people they serve."

All three speakers used their own business experiences to focus on the importance of trust, discussion, and cooperation. Well-attended by those who will soon be entering the business and entrepreneur world, as well as those entering the career force, these talks inspired students to challenge previously held notions in order to increase both efficiency and quality of discussions.

Campus Safety Incident Report

In an effort to increase Campus Safety's transparency and draw attention to students' dangerous and destructive behaviors, *The Spectator* will publish a selection of the previous weekend's incidents each Thursday. Both Campus Safety and *The Spectator* will use their discretion regarding what is published.

Monday, February 19

12:45 A.M. Vehicle Towing – Faculty Lots
8:00 A.M. Smoke Detector – Dunham Hall
3:45 P.M. Check the Welfare – Residence Hall

Tuesday, February 20

1:48 P.M. Fire Alarm – Milbank Hall
4:12 P.M. Fire Alarm – Major Hall
11:10 P.M Smoke Detector – Dunham Hall
11:51 P.M. Disorderly Conduct – Rogers Estate

Wednesday, February 21

1:09 A.M. Smoke Detector – Eells House
2:28 A.M. Area Check – 60 College Hill Road
12:48 P.M. Medical Emergency – Rudd Health Center (Exterior)
7:58 P.M. Smoke Detector – Dunham Hall
10:57 P.M. Smoke Detector – Skenandoa House
11:05 P.M. Fire Safety Violation – Skenandoa House

Thursday, February 22

11:25 A.M. Fire Alarm – Kirner Johnson Hall
12:43 P.M. Medical Emergency – Taylor Science Center
7:08 P.M. Check the Welfare – Residence Hall
8:25 P.M. Smoke Detector – Babbitt Hall

Friday, February 23

2:56 A.M. Medical Emergency – Residence Hall
10:00 A.M. Suspicious Incident – Taylor Science Center
1:25 P.M. Suspicious Incident – South Campus
1:50 P.M. Motorist Assist – Minor Lot
5:15 P.M. Disorderly Conduct/V&T Violations – Beinecke Village
5:24 P.M. Mechanical Issue – Skenandoa House
11:11 P.M. Noise Complaint – Carnegie Hall
11:15 P.M. Area Check – College Hill Rd

Saturday, February 24

12:31 A.M. Suspicious Activity – Root Lot
12:53 A.M. Medical Emergency – Howard Diner
1:10 A.M. Medical Emergency – Residence Hall
5:39 A.M. Check the Welfare – Residence Hall
11:30 A.M. Weapon Possession – Residence Hall
3:15 P.M. Motorist Assist – Root Lot
4:03 P.M. Assist – Milbank Hall
5:20 P.M. Area Check – Kirner Johnson
9:23 P.M. Parking Complaint – Skenandoa House
11:42 P.M. Public Lewdness – Chapel

Sunday, February 25

12:41 A.M. Medical Emergency – Tolles Pavilion
1:10 A.M. Medical Emergency – Tolles Pavilion
1:45 A.M. Area Check – Dunham Hall
2:15 A.M. Complaint – Campus Safety Office
2:18 A.M. Medical Emergency – South Hall
5:28 A.M. Medical Emergency – Residence Hall
4:17 P.M. Fire Alarm – Woollcott House
6:45 P.M. Area Check – Dunham Hall
10:13 P.M. Mechanical Issue – Dunham Hall
11:28 P.M. Noise Complaint – Griffin Road Apts.

Oscars & the Hill

Two Hamilton alumni – Yance Ford '94 and Andrew Metz '91 – are each nominated, albeit for different roles and films, for best documentary feature at the 90th Academy Awards this Sunday. Ford is the director of *Strong Island*, which tells the story of his brother, William Ford, Jr., who was murdered in 1992 and who's killer was never convicted. Ford visited the College in September to screen the film and has received widespread praise since its release, including profiles in *The New Yorker* and *The Guardian*.

Metz was the managing editor for *Abacus*, the story of the only bank that was prosecuted in relation to the 2008 financial crisis. *FiveThirtyEight* has said it has "no clue" who will win in the best documentary category, with none of the five nominees having won a significant amount of awards relative to the others in the lead-up to the Oscars, so it is entirely possible that Hamilton could have an Academy Award-winner to its name by this time next week. If the prestige and pomp of the night was not already enough to prompt students to tune in, perhaps this close-to-home connection will be.

The Spectator wishes Ford and Metz the best of luck on Sunday and hope everyone enjoys the celebration of an excellent year in film.

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The difference between political statements and actual activism

by Gavin Meade '20
Opinion Editor

In America, we like to think that our opinions and our public outcries matter. It makes us feel good to tell ourselves that we live in a land that celebrates freedom of speech where the everyday man/woman can have an impact (no matter how small). The harsh reality is that, often, despite the noise that is made in the wake of unspeakable tragedy, public outcry and demonstration have little impact on policy.

The subject of gun violence is at the forefront of Twitter, Facebook, and virtually every social network. In the aftermath of the Pulse, Parkland, Sandy Hook, Las Vegas, Virginia Tech,, Sutherland and other senseless mass shootings, there have been pleas and demands from many Americans. We have asked to raise the age required to get a gun. We have demanded the edict that AR-15s be designated as an illegal weapon.

Making noise with no intentionality or hope to affect change isn't anything other than noise. While it was nice that many Hamilton students and faculty wore black to protest gun violence, I don't know that it had any impact. No one on this campus (I hope) had their eyes opened to gun violence as a result of this movement.

While it was a nice sign of solidarity, did it do anything other than make us feel good for "bravely standing up against gun violence?" Perhaps the walk out scheduled for Thursday, Mar. 1 will be on a bigger scale and send more of a message. After all, it is a joint walk out inspired by Connecticut College and will likely receive some attention in the media.

Our own small protest did not and would not because (however harsh this may sound) no one cares. We live in a political and cultural system where we are categorized even before we speak.

As denizens of a liberal arts college, any statement or action is archetypal, expected, and almost immediately dismissed. We are called "snowflakes" and "liberal cucks" because we agree with basic social and common-law norms surrounding the rights for equality, expression, and public safety. Making noise or protests will not do anything other than validate the claims that our generation champions social issues with no actual backbone made by those who attest they're "defending the Second Amendment."

Objectively speaking, they're not wrong — to a certain extent. How can we expect to be taken seriously as a generation if our idea of political activism is wearing black or walking out of class at 1:30 PM? Does anyone seriously think that this will send a message to the National Rifle Association (NRA) or Marco Rubio?

As a quick caveat to you Second Amendment folks, I have one point to make. The Second Amendment was written as a provision so that the average man could arm himself and defend against the government. In 2018, if you're a threat to the government, all the guns in the world won't save you; they've got drones and rockets and people who can take you out from a different zip code. If your AR-15 and your shooting is more important to you than the lives of innocent school children, then shame on you.

There is one argument and one argument only for gun ownership in this day and age: "Screw off, I like guns and the Constitution says I can have them." Also to those who say you can't change the Second Amendment consider that it's an amendment and can absolutely be changed.

Before I become too distracted, consider that after the Port Arhur massacre in Australia, the Australian people communicated to their government their disgust, outrage, and need for change. In the 18 years before Port Arthur, Australia witnessed 13 mass shootings and in the 21 years since the government acted there has not been a single mass shooting.

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Momentarily putting aside my soapbox, when it comes to actual activism rather than showy sensationalism, a bigger step — and one closer to affecting actual change — is writing letters to Parkland survivors and to local representatives. Even this is only so effective.

True change is coming from some of the Parkland survivors. These teens are putting their lives on hold to campaign, spread awareness, and actually make a difference.

David Hogg, Emma González, Sarah Chadick, Adam Ashanti, and Jaclyn Corin are the real activists and genuine heros making real differences. I credit you for Dick's Sporting Goods' statement and for all the good that you have done.

Already, students from Marjory Stoneman Douglas have traveled to Tallahassee, FL, and Washington, D.C. to make their case for stricter gun laws. This is real travel and real commitment. And guess what? Real results follow.

The students have organized protests and marches and rallies that, thanks to social media, have spawned similar efforts. The students of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School are precisely the type of self-confident, socially aware teens poised to change gun-control debates across the nation. They have raised $3.7 million for future events, according to *The Atlantic*.

I don't mean to make a defeatist argument and posit that as active students we can't make a meaningful difference. Rather, I'm suggesting we temper our pride in our activism and ourselves until we do something that actually matters.

Thumbs Up	Thumbs Down	Who Cares?
Upcoming concerts. We have DJ Lucas this weekend. Then Symphoria plays Stravinsky on the 7th. Also, Prokofiev and Stravinksy on the 3rd in Syracuse. If you don't plan to go to all of these – along with that lecture on Friday that I THINK is about cuckolding–than you need to expand your mind. It's just a fact.	**Instances of beautiful weather. I hate this. My wardrobe is mostly greys and blacks. Some grays and whites I guess. My good shose? Black and dressy.** **Break is coming up; but kids, I live for the stress. What good am I locked away in the third-floor-library of my ancestral Massachusetts estate? I need assignemnts so I can flex.**	**Drop deadline coming up. I should not have to tell you this. The fact that I do speaks more about you than it does about me, I think.** **Beautiful geese outside of Milbank. It's a pleasant sound and reminds me of scenic New England. They do tend to keep you up though.**

by Zach Deming '20 and Ethan Dunn '20

Disclaimer: The opinions expressed in this column are purely of a satirical nature, and are not representative of the views of *The Spectator* editorial board.

A positive to prevent a positive: Hamilton should bring Plan B vending machines to campus

by Allie Duggan '20
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On Feb. 5, The Womxn's Community Center, in collaboration with Planned Parenthood Generation Action (PPGEN), sent out an email in response to a *New York Times* article from Sep. 28, "Students Look to Vending Machines for Better Access to Morning-After Pill". This email invited students to a discussion at the Womxn's Center the following evening to discuss bringing these vending machines to the Hamilton College campus.

On Feb. 19, PPGEN sent out an all campus survey asking a series of questions regarding bringing vending machines to campus. Three days later, on Feb. 22, PPGEN sent another all-campus email addressing concerns and providing clarification regarding Plan B and the overall purpose of the machines on campus. Although the email addressed a fair amount of concerns on campus, I believe it is important to expand on these issues.

It is important to understand the function of Plan B, which contrary to some beliefs, is fundamentally different than the abortion pill. Plan B is used to prevent pregnancy in cases when other forms of contraceptives have failed or have not been used. That being said, this is not meant to replace alternate forms of contraceptive methods. Plan B should be taken within 72 hours of sexual intercourse. It contains a large dose of levonorgestrel, a synthetic hormone used in birth control pills. Primarily used to delay the release of an egg from the ovary, it can also work to prevent fertilization of the egg or the attachment to the uterine wall. This is often confused with mifepristone which works to induce a miscarriage, often referred to as the "abortion pill." This distinction nullifies the pro-life, pro-choice argument as it is used to prevent pregnancy not terminate an already existing pregnancy.

Plan B, along with generic forms, are supposed to be over-the-counter medications. However, the *New York Times* article states that experts have found that drug stores do not always keep this medication in stock because of the expense and the lack of room. In 2012, Kelly C. Cleland, a researcher at Princeton University and the executive director of the American Society for Emergency Contraception, conducted a survey of pharmacies concerning the morning after pill. She found that of 133 pharmacies in 22 states, 41 percent did not have an emergency contraceptive in stock. Furthermore, one third of individuals surveyed said pharmacies were told identification was required in purchasing the drug and 22 percent were told there was an age restriction. Neither of these limitations are true. In addition, the times in which students are in most need of such forms of contraceptive prevention methods are weekends, a time when majority of college and university health centers are closed.

Students have reported feelings of stress, discomfort, and embarrassment in visiting drug stores and health centers to obtain the drug. Even with the best efforts of pharmacists and health care professionals, there is a level of judgement that is felt when buying forms of contraceptive or pregnancy tests. The vending machines also create a less expensive way to obtain the drug because universities do not mark up the pricing. Although it can be argued that this method provides a missed opportunity for counseling in a health care environment, individuals are often not looking to speak to anyone and wish for more anonymity

An additional concern regarding the vending machines was that they would promote sex or specifically, irresponsible sex, on campus. To first address this issue, it is important to emphasize the fact that Plan B is used as an emergency contraceptive, not as an alternate form of birth control. Additionally, taking Plan B can have negative effects such as nausea or vomiting, dizziness, fatigue, headache, as well as lower abdominal pain or cramping. Taking Plan B is not a positive experience. Having easier access to it will thus not promote unsafe sex, but in the unfortunate case of something happening, will simply make it easier for students to take action to prevent pregnancy.

The second aspect to this is the offering of "fun" condoms. To be quite frank, if people want to have sex they will, and if they do not, they will not; a Fire and Ice or mint-flavored condom is not going to change that simple fact. It is simply to offer an alternative to the Life-Style® brand condoms offered at the Health Center. Sex is a personal choice and I believe if people choose to engage in it, they should have access to both the tools and options regarding it.

Hana Lease '18 commented on behalf of the Womxn Center and PPGEN: "At the Women's Center, and with Planned Parenthood Generation Action, we want people to feel empowered, comfortable, and confident in making decisions about their sex lives. As a college campus that has limited access to drug stores and convenience stores, especially on weekends and late at night (when Plan B is most likely to be needed), it's important to make sure there are resources available to all students, at all hours, on campus. In addition, in the event that a sexual assault has taken place on campus where other forms of contraceptives may not have been in use, Plan B may be the only option in preventing pregnancy. We want individuals to feel as though they have the tools and options they need to be safe during an emergency as well as an accident."

Moreover, it is important to destigmatize the idea of sex and promote conversations about it on campus. Conversations revolving around sex, birth control, and contraceptives should be encouraged on campus, rather than being something people are made to feel ashamed or embarrassed about.

On Claudia Tenney and the Parkland shooting: partisan rhetoric damages legislative possibilities

by Genevieve Shuster '19
Staff Writer

The United States' recent mass shooting in Parkland, FL has provoked a particularly odd and disturbing set of comments from public officials, namely President Donald Trump, Broward County Sheriff Scott Israel, and, closest to home here on the Hill, our Republican Congressional representative Claudia Tenney of New York's 22nd Congressional District.

On Feb. 14, former student Nikolas Cruz opened fire in Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, killing 17 students and faculty, committing the ninth-deadliest mass shooting in U.S. history. After every mass shooting, the same kind of rhetoric tends to crop up. Some advocate for gun control while others blame "people not guns", some advocate for political change while others abhor framing mass shootings as a political issue. While politicians can fall on either side of the gun debate, they almost always center their comments around grieving for the lives lost.

Representative Tenney, however took a different stance. In a radio interview hosted by Fred Dicker on Feb. 21, Tenney declared, "Obviously there's a lot of politics in it. And it's interesting that so many of these people that commit the mass murders end up being Democrats, but the media doesn't talk about that." Preventing this unfounded claim from being written off as an offhand remark, Tenney hammered in the nail not once but twice, first in a statement her office released later that night in which she said: "I am fed up with the media and liberals attempting to politicize tragedies and demonize law-abiding gun owners and conservative Americans every time there is a horrible tragedy. While we know the perpetrators of these atrocities have a wide variety of political views, my comments are in response to a question about the failure to prosecute illegal gun crime. I will continue to stand up for law-abiding citizens who are smeared by anti-gun liberal elitists." When asked about this statement by WKTV NewsChannel 12, she held firm once again: "I don't think either party has a monopoly on this, but there are many who are either Democrats, left-leaning or you could describe that there's a lot that aren't really registered to vote, but they're left-leaning."

Tenney is a staunch defender of the Second Amendment, per the Republican Party line. Media source *Upstate New York* reports that Tenney is a member of the National Rifle Association (NRA), which endorsed her in the 2016 election and donated nearly $6,000 to her campaign. Her campaign website leaves little to the imagination: "She firmly believes that it is our constitutional right to bear arms and it SHALL NOT be infringed." Tenney's stance is incredibly clear; however, her most recent comments have taken a rogue turn and made national headlines.

Perhaps the most striking feature of Tenney's claims is their baselessness. In a fact-check article on Tenney's claim, *Politifact* analyzed the political identities of many recent shooters and did not find a correlation between liberalism and mass shootings.

This stance is supported by much of the theory about mass shootings and especially school shootings. In her book *Rampage: The Social Roots of School Shootings,* Katherine S. Newman identifies the motive of school shooters primarily as an attempt at redemption for socially isolated and romantically unsuccessful white males. She does not find a correlation between political beliefs and school shootings. This claim, which is well-supported in her book, is endorsed by Michael Ian Black in his *New York Times* article about mass shootings, "The Boys Are Not All Right".

Of the ten deadliest mass shootings in American history, only the Pulse nightclub shooting in 2016 was widely presumed to have been politically charged, in this case, anti-LGBTQ. While extremist groups sometimes claim mass shootings in the name of their abhorrent causes and the occasional politically-motivated shooting does occur, there is a distinct lack of correlation between liberalism — or any political stance — and mass shootings.

Aside from being unsupported, Tenney's comments are insensitive and irrelevant in the wake of extreme tragedy. When a mass shooting happens, many people shame those who supposedly "make it political" by advocating for gun control. Critics view this kind of action as detracting from grieving the tragedy. However, advocating for gun control after 17 lives are lost, in addition to hundreds and hundreds of others over the years, feels not only natural but necessary, as this tragic loss of live is preventable. Lives hang in the balance of the policy, and Tenney's comments ignore the core of the issue entirely. By being so incredibly removed from the real cause of mass-shootings, Tenney's comments belittle the immediate importance of preventing violence like this from occurring again.

Review: Joel's Spanish Food

by Vincent Tran '18
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On 1225 Park Ave, there lies a hidden gem for Dominican food in Utica. Contrary to the restaurant's name, Joel's Spanish Food, the food is actually Dominican. As I pulled up to the parking lot, I could smell the aroma circulating outside the small family-owned eatery. I couldn't wait to walk in. The moment I walked in, I had a flashback to my childhood, since I grew up in my own family's restaurant. Simply put, it felt like home.

The décor of the restaurant was something you would find in a pizza joint. However, the food and hospitality was definitely more than anything most pizza joints could offer. The storeowner and her husband immediately greeted me when I walked in and asked for my order. I asked what their best dish was and received the reply: "Everything is great." I couldn't argue with that, so I went with their recommendation: roast pork with rice and beans ($10.00), garlic *tostones, which are plantains* twice-fried, ($2.00), a beef empanada ($1.50), and a chicken empanada ($1.50).

Their menu consisted of various types of meats that could be combined with rice and beans such as fish, pork, oxtail, chicken, steak, and pork chops. I would advise going somewhere else if you're vegetarian or vegan, unless you consider plantains to be a vegetable.

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Vincent's plate at Joels included roast pork with rice and beans, empanadas, and garlic tostones.

After tasting the food, I could understand how this establishment has survived for 15 years. The food is absolutely amazing and seasoned beautifully.

My first bite thoughts: "Wow. This is great."

The pork was tender and flavorful. It wasn't too salty or bland, which is often the case with poorly-cooked roast pork. Also, the pork skin was nice and crispy. You can't go wrong matching the pork with the rice and beans. It makes the meal filling and satisfying. The garlic tostones were another highlight of the meal, as it was crispy on the outside and soft in the inside. There were hints of garlic with every bite.

Lastly, the empanadas were solid. An empanada is a crescent shaped fried bread filled with a type of meat in the inside. Both the empanada and tostones are made to order, so they came out hot. I found this out when I took my first bite. The chicken empanada was filled with white breast meat, while the beef empanada was filled with ground beef. My only complaints are that the empanadas were too oily and had too much bread. However, for $1.50 each, it's quite a steal.

The bottom line: This is a no-frills establishment that relies on its food to make people come back. The food is delicious and is right for its price. Dishes range from six to eleven dollars, depending on what type of meat you get and how hungry you are. Joel's is conveniently open seven days a week, Monday through Sunday. They accept both cash and cards, but cards can only be used for orders above $10 and will have an additional $1 fee.

The best mode of transportation is by car, which will take about 20 minutes from Hamilton. The food is worth every second though. I know I'm waiting to make my next trip!

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An exterior view of Joel's Spanish Food in Utica. The restaurant actually serves Dominican food.

From Where I Sit:

Hamilton's International Perspectives

Going to college...but not really

by Samantha Boucher
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Between tedious college applications, overwhelming school work, and one too many extracurricular activities, seniors in high school have a lot on their plates. And I would know, as I, in fact, am a high school senior. However, twice a week, all of my stresses fade into the background of my consciousness, and I allow myself complete immersion into an academic world unlike any of my previous experiences.

When I received the opportunity in mid-August to partake in an internship, I knew I wanted something different — something out of the ordinary. Instead of opting for a dreary office job, fetching coffee or filing paperwork, I chose to go to Hamilton College. I travel forty-five minutes from my small town (yes, it's even smaller than Clinton) to attend Professor Britt-Hysell's ESOL class; in this internship I found a newfound excitement for learning, knowledge, and the future.

Surrounded by international students who hail from far corners of the world that I have only ever dreamed of, I admittedly felt a particular sense of inferiority and insecurity. My rural upbringing, combined with a general lack of confidence, brought a fear that stifled my voice. However, as I began to see my peers opening up to me, I did the same. In the first semester, we were assigned a cultural journey essay in which we were to introspectively consider our own lives and how they intertwine with culture and heritage. A few weeks later, one by one, my classmates and I spoke about our homes, our distinctive customs, and our passions.

My classmates' collective positivity and enthusiasm for subjects such as human rights gave me the courage to answer difficult questions and reclaim my opinions. After glimpsing into their lives outside of the classroom, I realized that I had nothing to worry about; our shared humanity was enough to decrease my anxieties. My new outlook brought to mind Maya Angelou's famous words: "We are more alike, my friends, than we are unalike."

The students I have come to know over the past two semesters are as diverse in personalities as they are in origin. Some are funny and outspoken, while others keep more of a low profile. Humorous commentary, intellectual debates, and thoughtful insights are not uncommon in a typical class at Hamilton. I have been welcomed into Professor Hysell's class with open arms and I can confidently say that thanks to her and my classmates, I will leave here with a newfound maturity, a better understanding of human rights, and the power of our global community.

My time spent here on the Hill will always hold a special place in my heart. Thank you.

'From Where I Sit' is a column dedicated to international and visiting students' voices. If you are interested in contributing a piece, contact Features editors at featspec@hamilton.edu

LIFE OF A KIRKLAND RESIDENT ADVISOR

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Dorm on campus: *Kirkland.*
Dream dorm?
Anywhere on the dark side.
Favorite responsibility?
No responsibility.
Least favorite responsibility?
Filing taxes.
Weirdest thing found on a room inspection?
Surprisingly, nothing.
What activity should be penalized that isn't yet already?
Not flushing the toilets.
Worst timing of a fire alarm?
Luckily, there hasn't been one yet, but I have to say when you're taking a shower.
Most interesting thing heard through the wall?
A dog barking.
Favorite request from a resident?
So far, submitting work orders.
Shade up or down? *Down.*
Door locked or unlocked?
Locked.
Favorite door decoration?
My dragon door tags.
Worst thing you walked in on?
Have not walked in on anything bad.
Pet peeve? *When people don't flush the toilets.*
Most punishable offense?
Having alcohol in a substance-free dorm.
Program you wish you could do?
A knitting program where I can teach people who are interested. Too bad that it's too expensive.

Are you a resident advisor who is interested in filling out our questionnaire? Email featspec@hamilton.edu to participate!

Ask Alex

How do I decide what to wear when Mother Earth can't decide when winter becomes spring?

Ah, the transition between winter and spring that plagues many Hamilton newcomers. It might feel toasty and comforting to have the sun's rays shine through your window, but don't let that fool you. Spring is always capricious and the temperature you see on your weather app is the high of the day. The best idea is to dress in layers so that you can adjust how warm or cool you are depending on the temperature. If you see rain in the forecast, dress accordingly and do not get too excited when you see a high of 65 degrees. Eat outside at the warmest and nicest time of the day and then quickly put your sweater back on.

What do I do if my two friends are in a fight?

If your friends are in a fight, it is usually best to stay out of it. That does not mean that you should not be supporting them at all. Friends always appreciate having an ear to talk to and a shoulder to cry on. However, because they are your two friends, it would be best not to complicate the situation by taking sides and, thus, further embroiling yourself in the situation. If anything, your position as an outsider might help mediate the situation.

How do I party when it is cold?

Hopfully, this should not be a question you have to worry about for too much longer. In the meantime, go with a lightweight jacket. Wearing something that is light enough to convince you it is not that cold out and something warm enough when it actually is that cold out is the way to go. Don't opt for something too generic looking because you wouldn't want to lose it at a party. See more on that below.

How do I not lose my jacket when I go out?

We have all been here: you are ready to bounce but your jacket is not where you left it or anywhere nearby. To prevent this from happening, go with the classic elementary school pro-tip and write your name on the label of your jacket. Sure it might be weird being in college and having to write your name on the inside, but no one will ever see it except for the person who mistakenly picks up your jacket. You can also leave your phone number in the pocket or another form of contact. There are several lost and found bins around campus so you might have some luck there. If you are really out of options, try posting a message in the Facebook pages of different class years. Hopefully a good Samaritan will come to your rescue.

Is it worth it to wake up early on weekends and get breakfast?

Yes. First thing is first: breakfast is the most important meal of the day so you are better off not skipping it. Commons, though a trek for the darksiders, has (1) Ronnie who can make you yummy made-to-order omelettes, and (2) some good waffle batter. On Sundays, you can treat yourself to delicious Opus brunch and jumbo muffins.

No need to study for midterms today! Take a break with this spring-break-themed crossword to help you get in the mood for the pretty, sunny places you may or may not be visitng. Either way, it's fun to play pretend. Good luck!

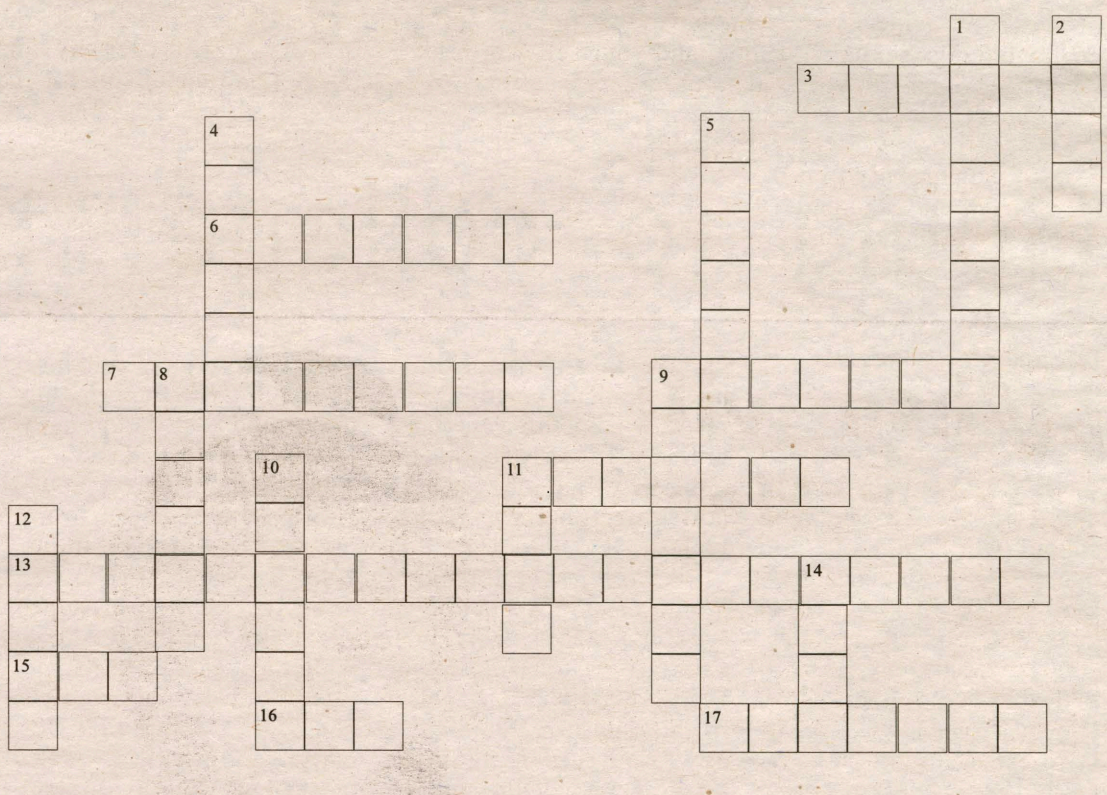
by Cilly Geranios '19 & Molly Geisinger '19
Managing Editor & Features Editor

Across:

3. This tropical destination was almost separated from the U.S. by a wall.
6. These are provided to airports in Albany and Syracuse for travelling students.
7. A beach essential for fair skin.
9. You book 'em, you take 'em, you love to hate 'em.
11. These luxurious destinations offer lodging, food and entertainment.
13. ASB.
15. Some travelling does not require airborne flight, but this vehicle.
16. The big apple.
17. Some plans may include watching _____ and vegging on the couch at home.

Down:

1. The papers, exams and projects due right before spring break escape.
2. _____ is where the heart is... and where the internet isn't broken.
4. The school offers bus rides to this metropolitan city.
5. Most students will _____ over spring break—whether to an exotic locale or to their childhood bedroom.
8. An airline company.
9. Home to oranges, sunshine and the Keys—a spring break destination for many.
10. A spring break hot spot in #3 across.
11. Spring break is meant to help students catch up on sleep... to _____.
12. The month of spring break and St. Paddy's day.
14. Many may ride this vehicle in tropic waters while singing "I'm on a _____."



Answers: ACROSS: 3. Mexico, 6. shuttle, 7. sunscreen, 9. flights, 11. resorts, 13. Alternative Spring Break, 15. car, 16. NYC, 17. Netflix. DOWN: 1. midterms, 2. home, 4. Boston, 5. travel.

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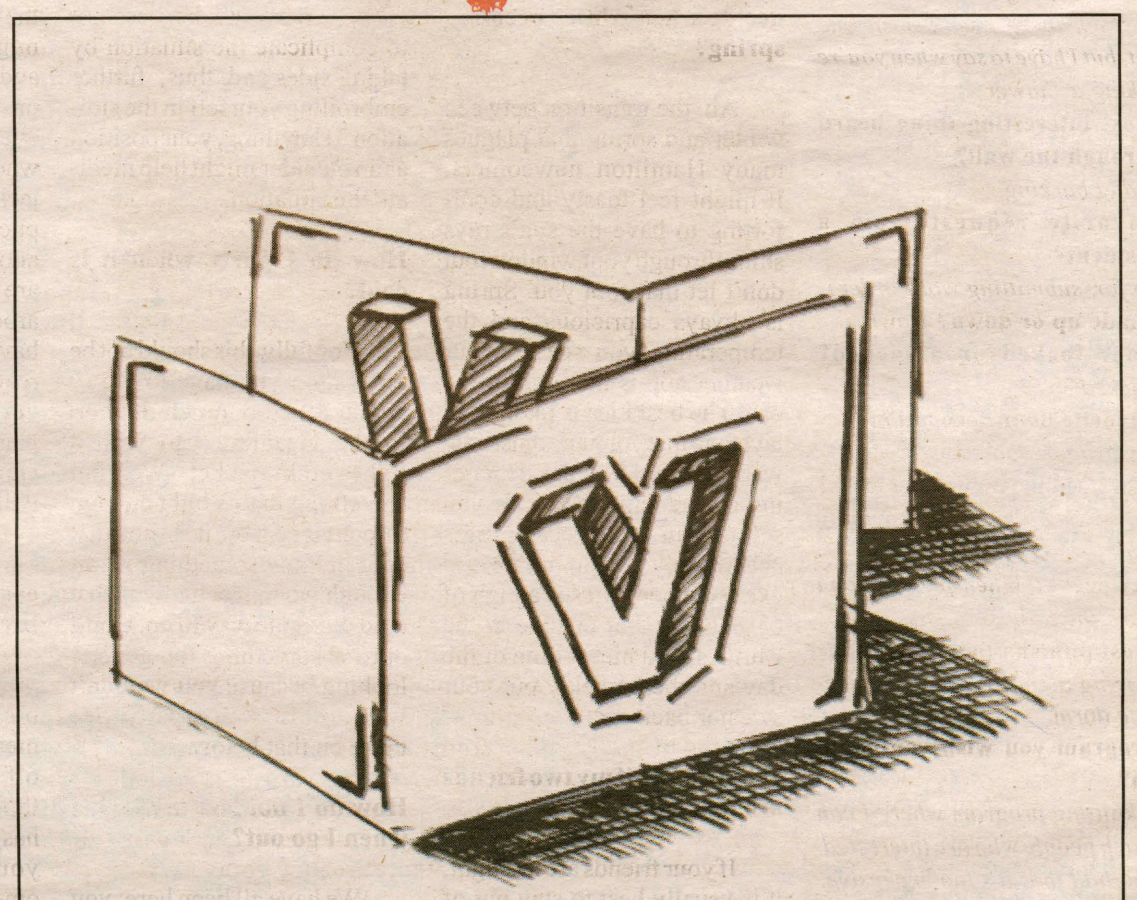
Not your Valentine's Day V-card

by Lucy Munves '19
Head Production Editor



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One of the biggest issues that I encountered in my transition from high school to college was having sex for the first time before freshman year started. Coming from an all-girls school, this topic was rarely discussed or acted upon; it only became a frequent topic of discussion in group chats with high school friends as people slowly entered the contemporary college worlds, which are dominated by the of the hookup culture. The notion of virginity has long been a topic of discussion between young adults, with increasing social pressures to have sex before coming to college. On a campus that is so heavily dominated by casual sex, virginity is seen as a taboo subject, seemingly fraught with emotional turmoil and attachment. So much of the rhetoric surrounding this topic is alarmist and definitive, when, in reality, everyone experiences it differently. So buckle up kiddos, because I'm about to drop some truth about the old "v-card."

1. Virginity is a social construct.

VIRGINITY IS A SOCIAL CONSTRUCT. Seriously. The notion of virginity was created as a means to control women's sexuality and sexualize young girls. It was a concept created hundreds of years ago to assign a value to women based on whether or not they had had sex before marriage. This societal fixation of "purity" is outdated and, quite frankly, creepy. Although this concept was originally focused on women, it fits in with the broader narrative about virginity and self-worth. You're not "losing" anything when you have sex for the first time, and your self-worth is absolutely *not* attached to how many people you have slept with.

2. Being "too clingy" after losing your virginity is bullsh*t.

If someone doesn't want to have sex with you purely based on the fact that you're a virgin, time to cut that off A.S.A.P. Someone who is a good sexual partner (and honestly a good person) will care about your level of comfort before, during, and after any sexual act and any point in your relationship. That person will even care about your feelings every time you have sex, too — whether it's your first time or your hundredth. It's perfectly normal to care about your sexual experiences and being comfortable with who you're having sex with. Wanting to have your first sexual experience with someone that you know well or feel comfortable with doesn't make you clingy, nor does it mean that you have to date the person after.

3. There's no "right" way or time to lose your virginity.

Whether you choose to have sex for the first time with your long-term partner, someone you just met, or your best friend, none of these are the textbook "right" people to have your first sexual encounter with. Everyone is ready to have sex at a different point in their lives. Some people have been in a relationship for months or years since they aren't ready to have sex for the first time. Some are comfortable having sex with someone they meet that evening. Some people fall in between. No matter what you might see in the movies or read in teen magazines, there is no textbook, perfect way to have sex. Everybody is different and everyone develops at different times in different ways.

4. Sex is not a life-defining experience.

Yes, it may change your relationship with the person you're doing it with, but it doesn't change your entire personhood. You're not "becoming an adult" when you have sex for the first time. You're simply experiencing something for the first time, but that doesn't have to be life-altering.

Conversations about sex are always going to be polarizing and somewhat stigmatized. Coming onto campus having not had sex before can make you feel like you're on the outside of a bubble of conversation, looking in. However, this is not something to let dominate you and influence all of your choices. Truly, there is a lid for every pot! The right time to have sex will come when you're ready, no matter what anyone else says.

When will your reflection show...

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... your experience at Hamilton?

We're now looking for seniors willing to write about their reflections. If you're interested, email us at featspec@hamilton.edu.

Womxn's Film Festival brings Lauren Wolkstein, director of *The Strange Ones*

by Michelle Chung '20
A&E Editor

The Womxn's Film Festival, organized by Bridget Braley '18 as a part of her senior thesis project, was held this weekend and showcased a series of films with the aim of celebrating womxn directors and womxn narratives in the industry. Funded with the Smallen and Kirkland Endowment Funds, three films were shown across three days, including *Appropriate Behavior* directed by Desiree Akhavan and Dee Rees' *Pariah*.

On the last day of the festival, director Lauren Wolkstein visited the Hill to present *The Strange Ones*, her feature film co-directed with Christopher Radcliff, released in 2017. *The Strange Ones* follows two brothers played by actors Alex Pettyfer and James Freedson-Jackson. The film is a puzzling tale, as the brothers' supposedly simple vacation eventually reveals dark and complex secrets about their lives before the trip. An adaptation of a previous short film of the same title, the feature film won a Special Jury Recognition at the 2017 South by Southwest Film Festival.

Wolkstein is a New York City-based filmmaker who received her Masters of Fine Arts in film directing from Columbia University but is currently an Assistant Professor of Film and Media Arts at Temple University. She was recognized as one of *Filmmaker Magazine*'s "25 New Faces of Independent Film" in 2013.

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Director Lauren Wolkstein joins Womxn's Film Festival organizer Bridget Braley '18.

Her short film, *Social Butterfly,* won a Grand Jury Prize at the 2010 South by Southwest Festival; the film was shown to Hamilton audience members this weekend.

Prior to the showing of the film, Braley welcomed the crowd with an explanation of her project and her inspiration for organizing the festival. "We're in a time where womxn are getting more and more opportunities to direct films but we're still not where we're need to be," she commented. She cited a notable statistic from a study by the University of California-Annenberg that stated between 2007 to 2016, of the 900 most popular films, 4.1% of them were directed by womxn, meaning there were about less than 40 unique womxn directors in the list. As a result, the Womxn Film's Festival sought to recognize more womxn directors and celebrate their success in film.

With an eerie and ominous air surrounding the film, *The Strange Ones* began with the two brothers communicating tensely with one another from the beginning. Information about their relationship is revealed gradually as the film goes on, making audience members continuously wonder: Where are they going? What are they doing? How long are they leaving for? Will they ever go back to their homes? Where are their homes?

By the end, *The Strange Ones* reveals a great amount about the lives of their characters through beautifully depicted scenes (most of which are in the woods) and memories of the past. There is a quietness to most of the scenes as well, contributing to the film's mysterious but exciting mood.

Even with all the information that is revealed, however, *The Strange Ones* is still a psychological suspense film and audience members are left with one important question on their minds: what really happened?

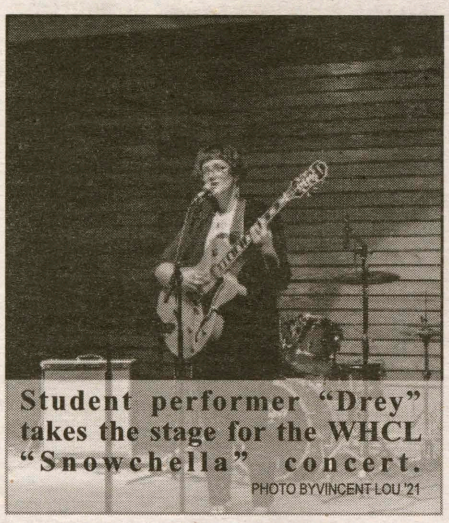
"The whole core of the movie was not knowing who people are," Wolkstein stated in response to a question about the film's ominous mood and specifically how the "strange" in the title came about. "The relationship between the two brothers is one of the core questions — questions that strangers that they meet have about them and questions they have about themselves."

Considering the success of womxn directors like Wolkstein, with unique works of their own, the Womxn's Film Festival was a great way to celebrate womxn in the film industry.

Recognizing womxn's works through events like a film festival highlights their skill and importance — and hopefully, their importance will continue to be recognized even more in the future.

The etymology of "women" means "of man" or "wife of man." Initially, womyn was used to change the etymology but as womyn became trans-exclusive the use of womxn has become more widespread.

FLASHBACK: A look at Arts & Entertainment events from the past semester



Student performer "Drey" takes the stage for the WHCL "Snowchella" concert.
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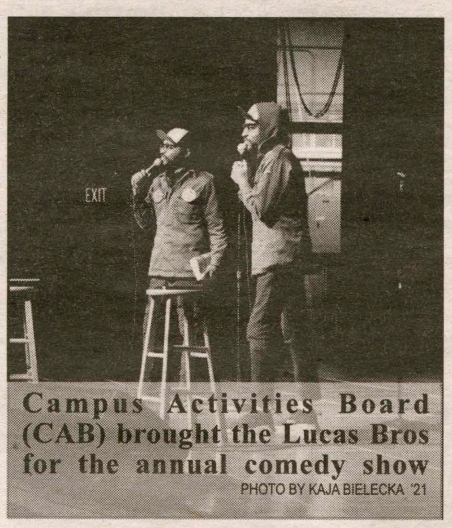

Campus Activities Board (CAB) brought the Lucas Bros for the annual comedy show
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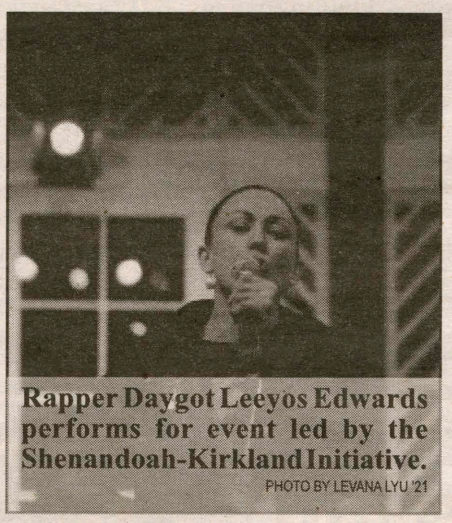

Rapper Daygot Leeyos Edwards performs for event led by the Shenandoah-Kirkland Initiative.
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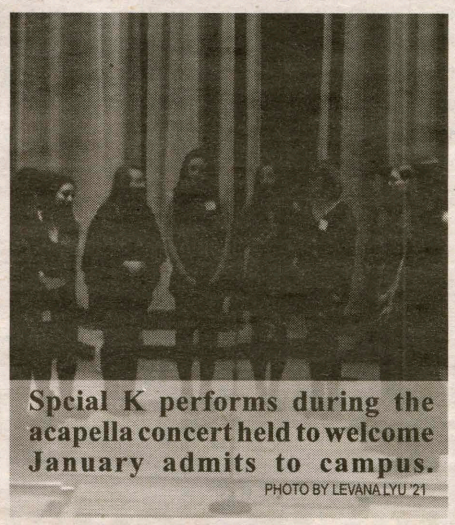

Spcial K performs during the acapella concert held to welcome January admits to campus.
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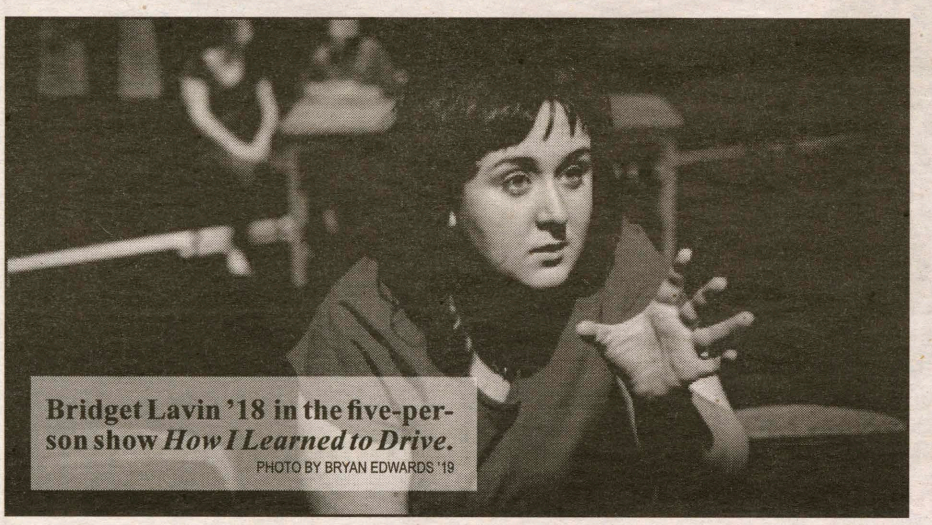

Bridget Lavin '18 in the five-person show *How I Learned to Drive*.
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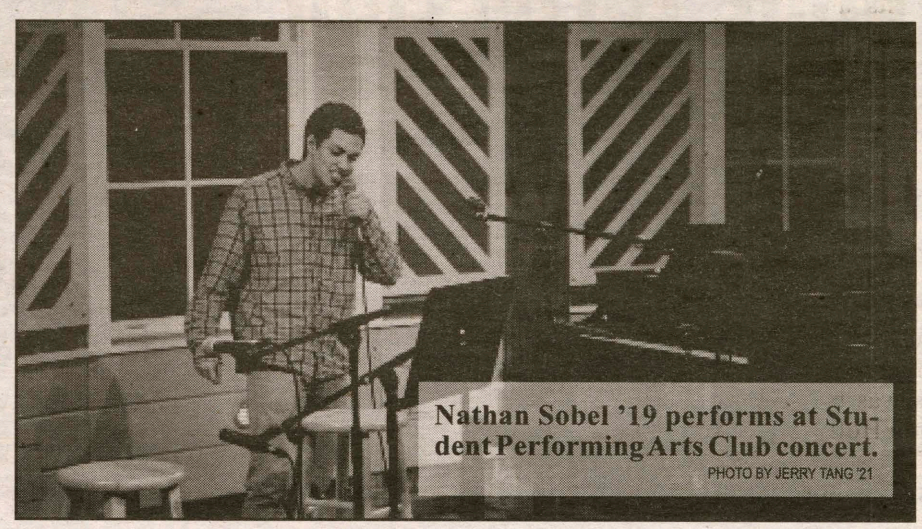

Nathan Sobel '19 performs at Student Performing Arts Club concert.
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Wu Han, Philip Setzer, and David Finckel shine in Wellin Hall chamber music performance

by Josie Blatt '21
A&E Editor

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The trio of Han, Setzer, and Finckel perform in the Wellin Hall for students, staff and community members.

On Friday, Feb. 23., pianist Wu Han, violinist Philip Setzer, and cellist David Finckel performed for a crowd of Hamilton students, faculty, and local community members in Wellin Hall.

Wife and husband Wu Han and David Finckel have taken the chamber music world by storm. Han grew up in Taiwan and moved to America in 1981 to study piano and viola. In addition to her career as a performer, Han is currently the co-Artistic Director of the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center.

David Finckel was the cellist for the Emerson String Quartet from 1979 to 2013. Finckel won nine Grammy awards for his work in this quartet. Han and Finckel have been touring the world since the early 1990s, and are now one of the most popular piano-cello duos in classical music. In 2012, Musical America awarded the duo with its Musicians of the Year award, one of the highest accolades in the music industry.

The two often perform with close friend and colleague, violinist Philip Setzer. Setzer was in the Emerson String Quartet with Finckel and still plays with the group. Additionally, he is a Professor of Violin and Chamber Music at SUNY-Stony Brook.

Han began the night by addressing the audience and giving background information on the evening's program. Han, Setzer, and Finckel played two piano trios: Beethoven's Piano Trio in B-flat major, Op. 97, "Archduke," and Schubert's Piano Trio in E-flat major, Op. 100, D929.

Friday night's program noted, "The 'Archduke' Trio is named for the Archduke Rudolph: the younger brother of Emperor Leopold II, a patron and sometime student of Beethoven's, and recipient of the Trio's dedication. Beethoven played in the Trio's premiere, and this performance turned out to be one of Beethoven's last few public performances, due to his worsening deafness." Han, Setzer, and Finckel performed all four movements of "The Archduke Trio." The piece was soothing yet playful, with lots of back and forth between the instruments, making it sound like a conversation, not just a performance.

The Schubert piano trio contrasted the mood of the Beethoven piano trio, yet the two were highly connected. As the program notes said, "Schubert's particular pride in the E-flat is evidenced by his inclusion of it as the centerpiece on a program of his own music on 26 March 1828, commemorating the first anniversary of Beethoven's death. The shadow of Beethoven is significant, not only for his profound influence on Schubert on the whole, but also for his own granite essays in the piano trio genre. Indeed, there may be no higher compliment than Robert Schumann's regard for Schubert's Opus 100 as equal to Beethoven's formidable 'Ghost' and 'Archduke' Trios." Again, the group performed all four movements of Schubert's piano trio.

The audience not only picked up on the trio's beautiful musical abilities, but also their passion, energy, and focus. After the concert, audience member Genny Cohen '21 said: "You could tell that all three of them had a specific image in their mind that they were all trying to create for the audience because they were all cuing each other and playing off of each other's energy."

Overall, Han, Setzer, and Finckel's performance was wonderful and well received. See last week's issue of *The Spectator* for an exclusive interview with Han on her career and her then upcoming performance at Hamilton.

CAB Movies Coordinator discusses goals and upcoming events for the campus

by Cal Reynolds '20
CAB Columnist

My name is Cal Reynolds, and I am the Campus Activities Board (CAB) Movies Coordinator. The following article is the first in a series of entries by CAB members where we will provide updates on all that is happening within the organization and will share our general plans for the future. In this article, I will discuss the changes occurring within CAB Movies, the events I will be running this spring, and my goals for future semesters.

Really, there has been little incentive in the past for students to attend CAB's movie events with the existence of the Movies Channel and its' ability to provide up-to-date movies to campus with even more convenience than we can provide. Further, with Netflix's and HBO's increasingly broad scope, most are satisfied with what either service offers.

I entered the role as Movies Coordinator this semester with hopes of fundamentally altering the position to both increase attendance and generally execute more exciting events. In doing so, my ultimate goal with movies was to bring a household name from Hollywood to hold a screening of his or her content and participate in a question-and-answer session with students. An event of this nature would both be an interesting change of pace for students to see one of their favorite Hollywood figures and an especially good chance for writing, film, and arts students to gain valuable, first-hand insight into the entertainment industry.

At the beginning of this semester, my main goal was to bring Tommy Wiseau, the eclectic and innovating mind behind the "worst-best movie of all time," *The Room*, to campus some time in the spring. When Wiseau unfortunately fell through, I intended to book Paul Lieberstein, a Hamilton alumnus and known by many as Toby Flenderson on *The Office*.

However, scheduling such figures as Lieberstein on such short notice with a limited budget became an unrealistic task. So, next semester I fully intend on bringing Wiseau or Lieberstein to campus when I have more funds and proper scheduling.

This semester, I have had the pleasure to show amazing films like *Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri* and *Lady Bird* on campus. Both have been well attended by students, with 73 attending *Three Billboards* and 94 attending *Lady Bird*. I will likely be showing one more blockbuster film after break (and am very open to suggestions: jcreynol@hamilton.edu).

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Ninety-four Hamilton students attended CAB's showing of *Lady Bird*, starring Saoirse Ronan and Laurie Metcalf.

On Mar. 4, CAB Movies will be working in conjunction with Sadove Student Activities to hold an interactive Oscars viewing event featuring a catered Chipotle dinner, an Oscars-related Bingo game for prizes, and a ballot where those who guess award winners correctly will be eligible to win prizes.

In terms of the future of movie events this spring semester, I will be hosting "Mystery Movie Mondays" throughout April where we will show cult-classics, beloved television shows, and perhaps even certain viral content. In keeping the actual film a mystery, we avoid paying exorbitant prices and can instead invest in quality snacks and catering.

Much is to come in the realm of CAB Movies, so keep your eyes open in the future and for now, enjoy the events we have planned!

Stay tuned for future articles form other Campus Activities Board (CAB) columnists on their upcoming events!

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NESCAC names Stockwell Coach of the Year; Gilmour, Hoffman all-conference

*from **Basketball,** page 16*

The Continentals faced off against Tufts University in the NESCAC Quarterfinals. Hamilton hosted the Jumbos on Saturday, Feb. 17 and controlled the game throughout. Gilmour '20 tied career highs with a dominant 29 points and 12 rebounds. Hoffmann '19 also had a whale of a game; he tallied 25 points, five assists, and tied a career high with 11 rebounds. Grassey '19 also had a double-double, with ten points and a career-high 14 rebounds. Spencer Kendall '21 and Groll '19 both contributed with nine and eight points, respectively. The Continentals controlled the boards and finished the game with 50 rebounds, compared to the 39 for the Jumbos.

This past weekend, the Continentals faced off against the Williams College Ephs in the NESCAC Semifinals. The Ephs were ranked eighth in the nation and beat the Continentals earlier in the regular season. Gilmour '20 led the way for the Continentals across all categories. He had 20 points, nine rebounds, and four assists. Hoffmann '19 tied Gilmour '20 with 20 points, while also filling out the stat sheet with five rebounds, two assists, two steals, and one block. Groll '19 had an impressive day down-low with 12 points, eight rebounds, and two blocks. Doyle '19 had eight points and Grassey '19 had eight rebounds, along with three assists and four points. It was an intense game from the first jump ball. The Ephs had a slim four point lead at the half, the score was 37-33.

PHOTO BY KIRUBEL TESAFAYE '21

The Continentals defense must step up in NCAAs.

The Continentals got off to a fast start in the second half and went on a twelve to three run and took their first lead of the game, 45-44. Vince Conn '20 hit a huge three-point shot as the Continentals extended their lead to 50-47. Groll sank a layup to put Hamilton back in the lead, 52-51; unfortunately, this was the last time Hamilton would be up. The Ephs went on several runs, but the Continentals did not let them pull away. Gilmour '20 and Hoffmann '19 combined for nine straight points as they fought back, and the score with one minute remaining was 70-68 Williams. Hamilton played stellar defense for the entire length of the shot clock, but a long heave from the Ephs before the buzzer extended their lead to 73-68. The Continentals fought for the final minute, but eventually lost 76-73.

Despite the loss, Hamilton's season is not over. This Monday, the bracket for the NCAA Division III Men's Basketball Championship was released. As such, this Friday, the Continentals will face off against the Golden Flyers of Nazareth College in the first round of the playoffs. The game will be played at 3 PM at York College (PA). The Golden Flyers went 20-7 this season and play in the Empire Eight Conference.

Coach Stockwell shared what he believes to be Hamilton's keys to success: "Heading into the NCAAs, we need to make sure we are focused defensively because every team at this time of year knows how to win games. We also need to ensure that we are capturing as many possessions as possible and limiting mistakes on either end of the court. This is an area where our guys have improved over the season but want to keep improving. Without question, our trademark has been a fast paced and balanced offensive attack this year which needs to be part of our performance this weekend."

If the Continentals win this Friday, they will play the winner of the matchup between York College and Yeshiva University. York College went 23-4 this season, while Yeshiva went 18-10. Coach Stockwell went on to say: "This has been a special season that we are working to make last as long as possible. The driving reason for this season has been the leadership of our upperclassmen and specifically, our three seniors." Make sure to tune in and follow the men's basketball run through the bracket.

Walther '18 named NESCAC Player of the Year, four other Continentals honored

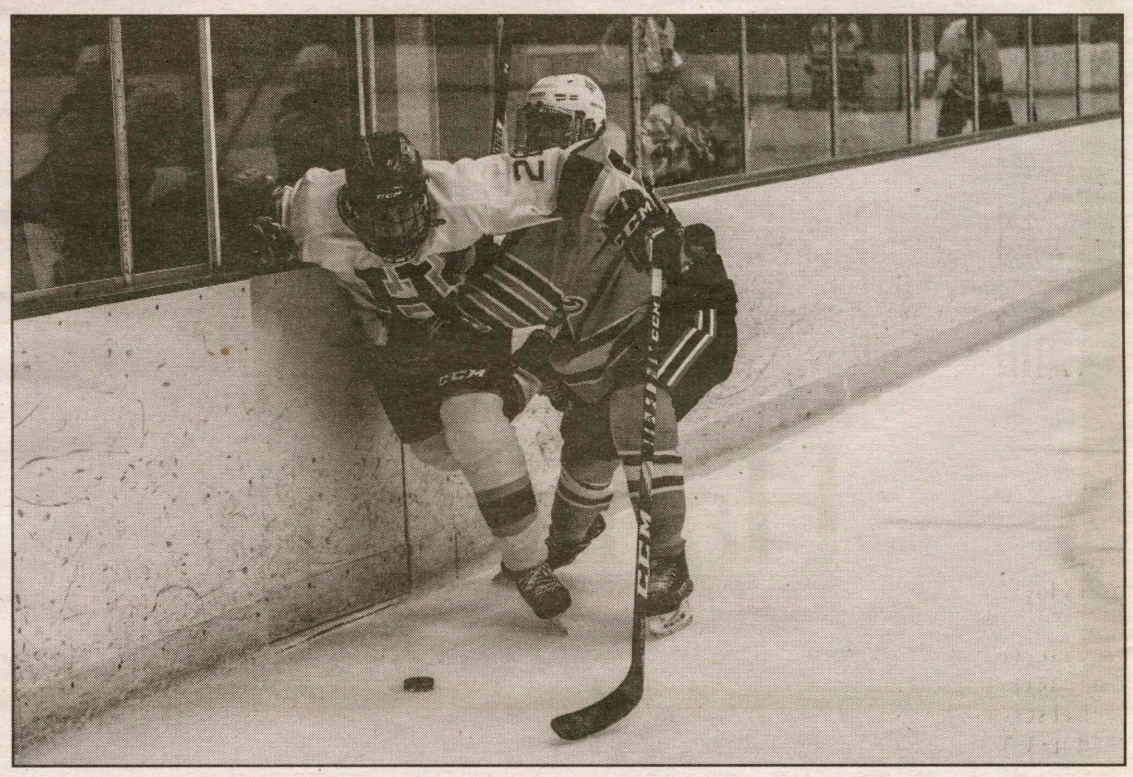
*from **Hockey,** page 16*

Knop '18 made the all-conference second team. Despite the loss, the women look poised for a successful 2018-19 season, as the team's top six scorers, Giuttari, Segall, Andrea Rockey '19, Maddie Beitler '21, Piacenza, and Taegan Blackwell '19 will all return. Despite losing the best goaltender in Division III women's hockey the team looks to be in good hands, as Sammy Johnson '20 has been strong in limited action and looks to be an effective anchor to the Hamilton defense.

After the women's game, the ice was resurfaced, and the men took on the Wesleyan Cardinals at 4 PM. The Continentals split the regular season series with the Cardinals, winning at Middletown, CT, and falling at home. Wesleyan found the back of the net first 18:29 into the first period when Tyler Watt deflected a Chad Malinowski shot past Hamilton goaltender Evan Buitenhuis '18. Hamilton struck back less than five minutes of gameplay later. At 3:14 of the second period, Hamilton went on the power play, and, five seconds later, the game was tied. Nick Ursitti '20 won a face-off and passed to Bennett Morrison '20, who fired a shot past Tim Sestak to level the score. The teams fought back and forth as the game wore on. As the clock ticked down inside the final two minutes of the third period, Wesleyan broke the deadlock. Matt Zandi sent a pass to Walter Harris in the corner, who brought the puck to the point and fired a wrist shot which was tipped by Andy Espinoza past Buitenhuis. The goal, with 1:46 remaining in the game, put Wesleyan in the lead for good. Hamilton pulled Buitenhuis with 1:10 left to no avail.

This week, however, the NESCAC announced that Jason Brochu '19 had been named to the all-conference first team and Buitenhuis, who missed eleven games to injury, to the all-conference second team. While the loss was certainly disappointing, Hamilton men's hockey has established a winning culture and many key contributors will be returning next year, including Brochu, forward Rory Gagnon '19, Ursitti, Morrison, forward Sterling Brey '20, defender Sam Jones '20, defender Sean Allen '21, and goaltender Anthony Tirabassi '21, who transfered to Hamilton this year from the College of the Holy Cross and appears to be the goalie of the future.

While Saturday was a disappointing day at Sage Rink and marked an end to the 2017-18 Hamilton hockey seasons, the future is certainly bright; a winning tradition has been established and the Hamilton hockey programs are primed for success for years to come. The 2018-19 season holds a lot of promise for the men's and women's teams, and both teams figure to excite.



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Sterling Bray '20 battles with a Tufts player on the boards.

Hamilton College athletics: Spring Break preview

by Patrick Malin '18
Sports Editor

Lacrosse

Both the men's and women's lacrosse teams will make the trek down the East Coast to Florida for a pair of games over the spring vacation. The men's team will be stationed in Davenport, FL, where they will first take on Keene State on Mar. 14 before a clash with NESCAC foe Bowdoin on Mar. 17. The women's team, ranked 12th in the Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association Division III Preseason Poll, will travel to Englewood, FL to take on non-conference SUNY-Geneseo on Mar. 13 and will also face off against the Bowdoin Polar Bears in Punta Gorda, FL on Mar. 15. The women's team will return home to Steuben Field for the second week of break for games against Oneonta and Amherst, while the men will hit the road again for away games at Nazareth and Amherst. Both teams begin their seasons on Saturday, Mar. 3 with heavily anticipated games against the Tufts Jumbos, who are nationally ranked in both the men's and women's polls.

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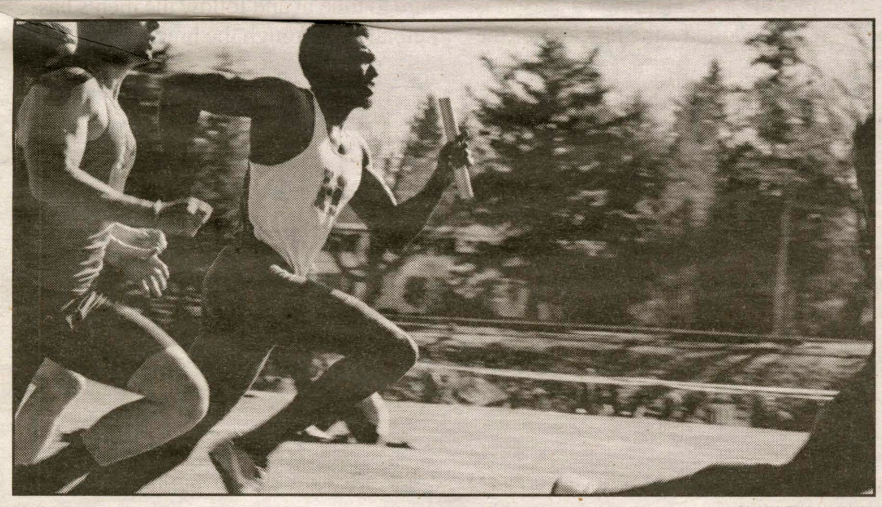
PHOTO BY DAN TU '20

Baseball & Softball

Both the Hamilton baseball and softball teams will venture due south over Spring Break for a jam-packed schedule of games, with both teams playing double-headers nearly every day starting Mar. 13. After starting the season with a double-header at home against St. Lawrence on Mar. 10, the baseball team will make a pit-stop in Greensboro, NC for games against Guilford and Greensboro College before heading to Florida for the remainder of the week. The baseball team will primarily play at the Lake Myrtle fields in Auburndale, FL (facing off against five different colleges), but will also travel to Winter Haven, FL for a double-header against Farmingdale State during their stay in Florida. The team will cap off Spring Break play with a home double-header against SUNY-Canton on Mar. 25. The softball team is scheduled to play seven double-headers over their stay in Florida, taking on 14 different opponents including the Tufts Jumbos. The busy schedule will prepare the softball team for a rigorous conference schedule upon its return to campus, where they will play their first home double-header of the season after classes resume on Mar. 28.



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Track and Field

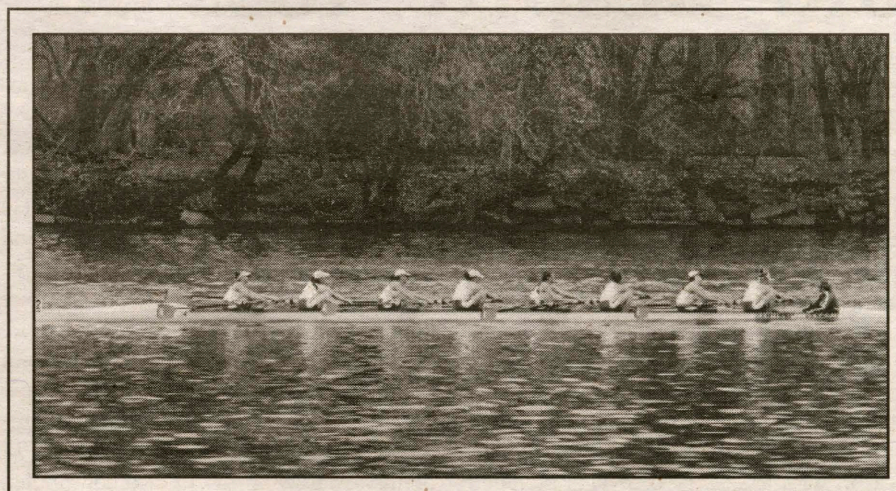
The men's and women's track and field teams will hit the road during the second week of the spring recess, hoping to carry their success this winter into the spring's outdoor season. The teams will travel to Orlando, FL for a full week of training before capping off the week with the University of North Florida Spring Break Invitational in Jacksonville. However, before the teams kick off the outdoor season, sprinter Eli Saucier '18 may be Alabama bound for the NCAA Division III Indoor Championships, with his school record 21.75 200-meter dash putting him in prime position to punch his ticket to nationals on Mar. 9.

Golf

The golf teams will join the other Continentals migrating to the southern United States over Spring Break, venturing to Vero Beach, FL where hopefully the sun will be shining and the greens will be free of snow. The men's golf team will play on Mar. 15, facing off in a tournament against Manhattanville and Trinity at the Sandridge Golf Club. The women's golf team will have to wait until Mar. 16 for its shot at the Sandridge Dunes course, when they will square-off against Mount Holyoke and Vassar. The golf teams will have an extended period to hone their skills following Spring Break, with neither team returning to action until mid-April. The men's team will tee-off at the SUNY-Delhi Invitational on Apr. 14, while the women's team will wait until Apr. 21, where it will play in the Ithaca College Invitational.

Tennis

After kicking off their spring season with away matches at conference opponents Bates and Colby on Mar. 10 and 11, respectively, the tennis teams will venture on a sunny getaway in Orlando, FL over Spring Break. The men's team will play in five matches over spring recess (starting on Mar. 15), including clashes with Midwestern teams Grinnell and Oberlin; both are infrequent opponents for those on the eastern seaboard. The women's tennis team will join the men in Orlando on Mar. 20, opening Florida play with a match against Oberlin. The following day, Mar. 21, the Continentals will take on St. Lawrence, a familiar opponent. The two teams played back in the fall season, where Sophia Aulicino '21 swept her three singles matches over the weekend. The women's team closes out its Spring Break competition with matches against Brooklyn and Babson. The tennis teams are yearning to make their home debuts at the brand new Tietje Family Tennis Center on campus, and will use their Spring Break trip to make sure they are playing their best tennis on the new courts.



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Rowing

Capping off the travels of Hamilton athletics spring travel are the men's and women's rowing teams, who will break from the mold of traveling to Florida for Spring Break. Instead, both teams will make the trek to Gainsville, GA, to compete at the John Hunter Regatta. The men's team is coming off of a successful fall season highlighted by a first place finish in the Bridge to Bridge Regatta, and an eighth place finish (out of 38 teams) in October's Head of the Schuylkill. The women's team also had immense success in the fall, proving they will be a force to be reckoned with this spring. The team finished first in both the Bridge to Bridge Regatta and the Head of the Genesee, but the women's team's best performance came at the Head of the Schuylkill, where the Continentals placed second out of 38 teams. The rowing season will culminate in the NESCAC Championships in early May, after a rigorous slate of regattas in Mass. and Upstate, NY.

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Men's, women's hockey teams fall in NESCAC quarterfinals at Sage Rink

by Levi Lorenzo '19
Sports Editor

Women's Quarterfinal

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#5 Bowdoin	**1**	**1**	**1**	**3**
#4 Hamilton	0	0	1	1

Men's Quarterfinal

	1	2	3	F
#5 Wesleyan	**1**	**0**	**1**	**2**
#4 Hamilton	0	1	0	1

In an eight-team tournament, the quarterfinal matchup between the fourth and fifth seeds is almost always a toss-up. Hamilton hockey fans learned that the hard way this past Saturday, as the men's and women's teams, both the fourth seed in their respective NESCAC playoffs, fell to their fifth-seeded opponents at Sage Rink in the quarterfinals.

The women began the doubleheader with a 1 PM matchup with the Bowdoin Polar Bears. The game was a rematch of last year's quarterfinals when the then-sixth-seeded Polar Bears came to Clinton, NY and outlasted the third-seeded Continentals in a 1-0 double overtime heartbreaker.

Hamilton sought revenge this year and came into the game confident after going 1-0-1 in a series at Bowdoin in the regular season. Bowdoin struck first, 6:32 into the game, after Nell Fusco scored a redirect goal off assists from Jess Cloutier and Maureen Greason. The score remained 1-0 entering the second period. Hamilton outshot Bowdoin 12-7 in the second period, but one of the Polar Bears' shots found the back of the net, while Bowdoin goalie Kerry St. Dennis saved all 12 Continental shots. Julie Dachille and Julia Surgenor assisted on a Brooke Solomon goal with 6:55 left in the second period to give Bowdoin a 2-0 lead.

Bowdoin stretched their lead to 3-0 at 9:27 into the third period when Marissa Fichter took a pass from Izzi Stoddard and slipped a wrist shot past Hamilton goalie Sam Walther '18. The Continentals continually peppered St. Dennis with shots. They were all turned away until Missy Segall '21 hit paydirt off assists from Kate Piacenza '21 and Mairead Carey '18. The goal was Segall's team-leading eleventh and gave Hamilton life. The Continentals fought hard at the end of the game and even had a two-skater advantage for the last two minutes after a Bowdoin penalty and pulling Walther. Despite their best efforts, Hamilton would not score again, and the clock hit zero with the score still 3-1. The loss ended Hamilton's season and was assuredly frustrating, as the Continentals outshot Bowdoin 35-24 and went scored on none of their eight power play opportunities.

This week, the NESCAC honored Wal-

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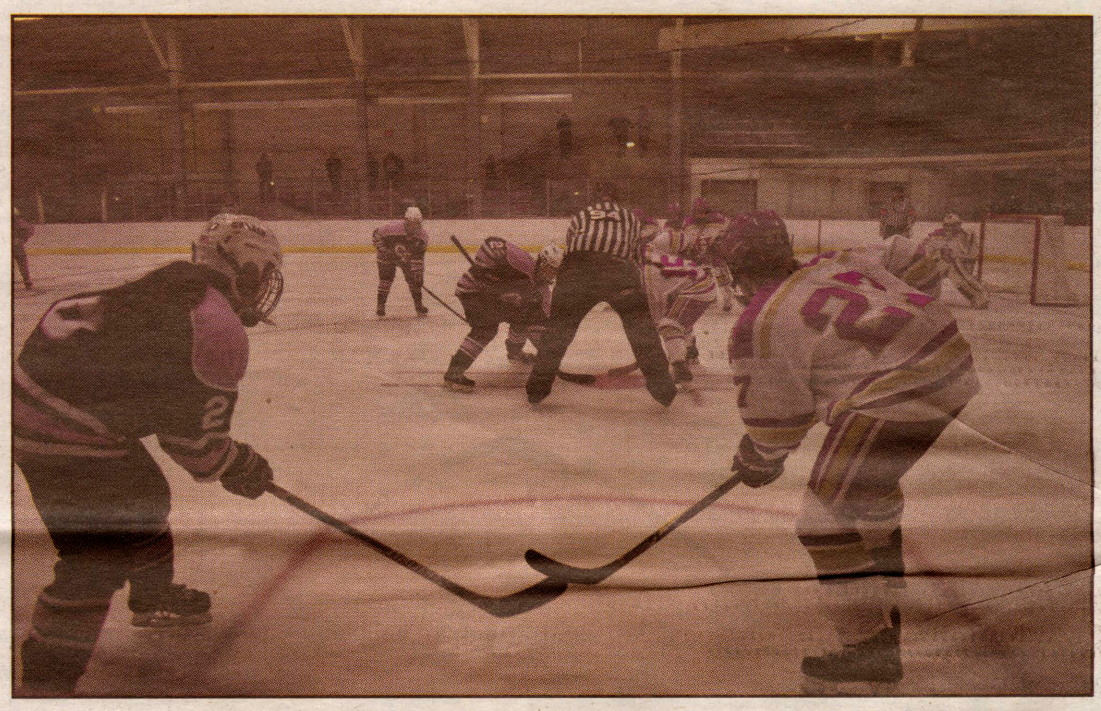

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Emily Williams '19 awaits the puck drop as Missy Segal '21 prepares to take a face-off.

Men's basketball earns NCAA tournament bid despite loss in NESCAC semifinals

by Robert Berk '20
Staff Writer

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#13 Hamilton	33	40	73
#8 Williams	**37**	**39**	**76**

This has been a great season for the men's basketball team. The Continentals started the season on fire with a 15-game win streak. Hamilton finished the regular season with a 22-2 record. This included two particularly impressive home wins.

The first of these two wins was a hard-fought 76-70 victory against 14th-ranked Wesleyan University. Kena Gilmour '20, who was feted with first-team all-NESCAC honors this week, led all scorers with 20 points, nine of which came from the free throw line. Gilmour '20 filled out the stat sheet with four rebounds, two assists, one steal, and two blocks. Peter Hoffman '19, who was named to the all-conference second team, had 12 points in the first half and was a presence by the basket with four blocks. Tim Doyle '19 and Michael Grassey '19 contributed nine points. Hoffman's buzzer beater before the end of the first half gave the Continentals the momentum needed to carry them to victory.

The second headline victory was over fifth-ranked Middlebury College. Gilmour '20 had an incredible day on the court. He dominated offensively with 29 points and led Hamilton in rebounds with six boards. Gilmour '20 was efficient from all over the court, he was ten of 15 from the field, including four of four from three point range, and five of five from the free throw line. Doyle '19 added in 19 points. Hoffmann '19 and Grassey '19 both added 11 points. Andrew Groll '19 also contributed with nine points before eventually fouling out of the game. The Continentals controlled the ball the whole game and only committed 11 turnovers, while they forced the Panthers to commit 17.

I spoke with Head Coach Adam Stockwell, recently named NESCAC Coach of the Year, about the two wins. "In both of these wins, our defense was outstanding and allowed us to generate easier scoring opportunities," he said. "Obviously, both teams are very strong and talented, but we showed that we can compete with some of the best teams in the country in all aspects of the game. The best part of each these wins is that Middlebury and Wesleyan are incredibly strong rebounding teams, yet we held our own in this category and took away one of their strengths."

Hamilton's men's basketball team went into the NESCAC playoffs as the third seed in the conference and the 15th-ranked team in the nation, according to *D3hoops.com,* and number one in the Northeast Region.

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Peter Hoffman '19 has been integral to Hamilton's success all season.